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LYONS METHAMPHETAMINE TRAFFICKER SENTENCED TO TWENTY YEARS

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that STEVEN NICHOLAS, 37, Lyons, Indiana was sentenced to 240 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following his guilty plea to possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute.

On January 25, 2007, the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Indiana State Police, Linton Police Department, and Vincennes Police Department executed a controlled purchase of methamphetamine from NICHOLAS in Linton, Indiana. While en route to the location of the delivery, law enforcement stopped NICHOLAS' vehicle, searched it, and found 27.9 grams of methamphetamine inside. Law enforcement took NICHOLAS into custody and obtained a search warrant for his residence, located on North Road, Lyons, Indiana. Law enforcement searched the residence and found 233.4 grams of methamphetamine inside along with three firearms.

According to Assistant U. S. Attorney Bradley A. Blackington, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge McKinney also imposed 5 years of supervised release following NICHOLAS' release from imprisonment. NICHOLAS will be subjected to random urinalysis and random searches of his person, vehicle, and residence during the period of supervised release.

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